



New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Saint John Branch

MINUTES

February 18, 2021

A zoom meeting of the Executive of the NBSRTSJ was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 with the President Judy Braman in the chair. Members in attendance include: Brian Greig, Bob Bonner, Marg Urquhart, Mary Ann Patterson, Ellen Palmer, Pat Murray, Barry Harbinson, Netta Chase and Pat Loughery. Regrets were received from Nancy Steele, Rose Theriault and Marijke Blok.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Mary Ann Patterson.

There being no errors or omissions, the minutes were accepted on a motion by Brian Greig and seconded by Pat Murray.

Business Arising from Minutes

Ellen informed the meeting the In Memoriam page on the Provincial website has been revised to a one page forum and an icon at the top of the page allows for easy access to Saint John section and the ability to sort.

Following a discussion, it was decided Barry would write an article regarding our pensions to be included in the April Newsletter. Members would then have an opportunity to ask questions or express their concerns. Barry would forward these to Larry Jamieson for clarification.

Treasurer's Report

Barry had emailed his report to all members prior to the meeting. The balance in the account stands at \$12,513.06.

Newsletter

Mary Ann informed the members that 125 Newsletters had been sent and none had been returned at this point. The cost to send the Newsletter and the letter of support to all schools totalled \$469.96. On Feb. 2nd 68 letters were sent out to all schools in Anglophone South.

Membership Recruiting

Judy stated Rena McGregor will be joining the committee and seems very interested. Mary Power will help but will not be able to join due to other commitments. The committee will be focusing on the following four areas which membership in the NBSRT offers: 1) stronger voice in regards to Vestcor/Group Insurance 2) ability to touch base with old friends, college buddies etc. 3) enjoy activities and social events and 4) access to provincial website , Reflections and membership in ACER CART.

Nominating Committee

Barry reported there will be several vacancies including: 1st Vice President and possibly 2nd Vice President, Telephone, Director, Social and Scholarship.

Website

Ellen has received some photos and she would like to see more members taking part. Members are being encouraged to read the Newsletter and to take a look at the calendars. Anyone requiring passwords can obtain them by emailing Ellen or Dale McRae.

Scholarship

Nil report

Wellness

Rose had forwarded her report to members prior to the meeting. She outlined the activities of the committee since the last meeting including three wellness months of suggested activities. She thanked Ellen for all her work on the webpage and encouraged all members to check it out. She also thanked Mary Ann and her committee for their dedication to the Newsletter. In regards to the Wellness grant, it was suggested a committee be formed to make it easier for Rose and Nancy.

New Business

Due to the situation regarding CoVid 19, it was decided the AGM should be done as a zoom meeting with the tentative date of May 20th at 10:00.

Following a discussion regarding the responsibilities of the Membership Chair and the Membership Secretary it was decided the officers would determine the responsibilities and report back to the next meeting. This would allow ample time to permit changes to the Constitution.

The next Newsletter will be sent out on April 28th.

Following a discussion regarding the Strategic Plan Questionnaire sent out by the NBSRT, it was decided a committee consisting of Judy, Barry, Brian and Bob be established to complete it. Any other opinions can be forwarded to Judy. Deadline for such will be March 8th. The committee will meet March 11 at 2:30. Netta will contact Ernestine Smith to ensure she is doing OK during Covid.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Loughery
(Secretary)